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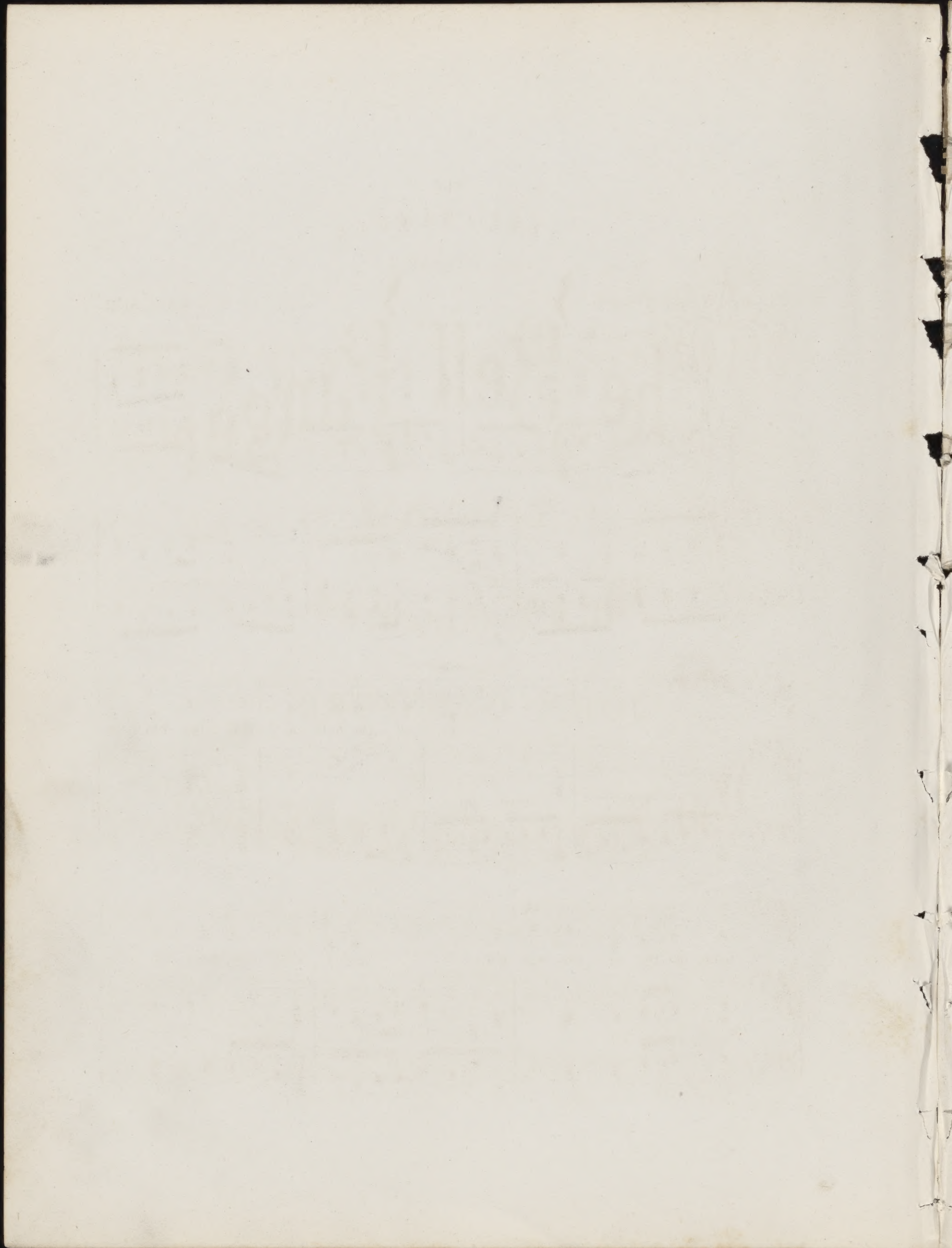
THE BELL-RINGER

BALLAD

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swing - ing So mer-ri-ly o-ver my head; The
fz
p
chil-dren flung gay gar-lands round, While I sent forth the
jo-cund sound, Then ma-ny tears were shed, but yet, The
pp
rall un poco.
in tempo.
young lip smil'd while the cheek was wet.
Ah!
cresc.
colla voce.
p

me,...................... ah!........... me,.......... ah! me.......... a song of
mf
joy and hope, Was heard a-far, as I pull'd my rope, as I
p sotto voce.
p
pp
pull'd my rope.
dim.
p
I set the bell a - toll - ing, When the
pp

bride to the churchyard was borne, And the dis - mal notes went

p

roll - ing, To tell of a heart for-lorn; The wond'ring children

fz *p*

stood aghast, As sa - ble mourners by them pass'd "And she is gone, so

pp

rall: un poco. *in tempo.*

fair, so young," Thus loud la-ment-ed the i - ron tongue. Ah......................

cresc. *colla voce.* *p*

me, ah! me, ah! me a song of
mf
per - ish'd hope Was heard a - far as I pull'd my rope, as I
p sotto
p
p
pp
voce.
pull'd my rope.
dim
p
I set the bell a - peal - ing, When in
pp

sha - dow is bu - ried the day, And a won - d'rous spell is
p
p
steal - ing, O'er the hearts of the grave and gay; The
fz
p
a - ged hear the fun' - ral chime Of slow - ly, sure - ly dy - ing time, The
rall: un poco.
youthful hear a cheering strain, That tells them day will re - vive a - gain.
animandosi.
pp
cresc.
colla voce.

in tempo con espress.

Ah!................ me,..................... ah!................ me,........... ah!

p *mf*

me,........... a song of grief and hope Is heard a-far, as I pull my

p *p*

cresc. *a piacere.* *molto*

rope, A song of grief and hope................ Is heard a-far, as I

f

rall:

pull........... my rope.

p *colla voce.* *rall: e dim:* *pp*